



**Green Mountain/Finger Lakes National Forests**  
Rainbow Family National Gathering  
Information Update  
July 4, 2016

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**Update 15 – Final Daily Update**

10,121 Rainbow Family members are currently camping on Forest Road 10 near Mount Tabor. As of July 3, 2016, 2,500 cars and 55 buses are the gathering site. Parking challenges continue. To date, nearly 100 cars have been towed from the gathering site for parking violations and impeding the passage of emergency vehicles. Local residents should use caution travelling to the site.

During the morning hours of July 4<sup>th</sup>, Rainbow Family members will participate in their traditional gathering of silence and prayer for peace.

Starting the evening of July 4<sup>th</sup> traffic on FR 10 into Mt. Tabor / Danby from the gathering site will increase as some members begin departing the area. Traffic is expected to be heavy through the early part of the week as people continue to leave. Local businesses may also be impacted similarly to when members arrived at the gathering.

To date, 200 warning notices and 174 violation notices have been issued. 114 incident reports or unsolved crimes are being investigated. Varying amounts of illegal drugs and narcotics continue to be confiscated from the gathering site. The law enforcement officers are not charging those who are in compliance with the Vermont's medical marijuana laws.

Law enforcement officers report that Rainbow Family members have worked collaboratively over the last couple of days to ensure parking congestion is minimized allowing safe passage for traffic. Transportation passes have been issued for shuttle vehicles, food supply delivery and medical transport.

Law enforcement for this gathering is a cooperative effort between the Rutland County Sheriff, Vermont State Police, Manchester Police Department, Bennington Police Department and Forest Service officers. Both federal, state and local law enforcement officers are conducting these enforcement actions based on accepted legal and constitutional practices based on both state and federal law. Law enforcement agencies strictly adhere to preserving the civil right of all citizens and providing fair, equitable and reasonable treatment.

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Photo left: Main meadow where gathering participants will hold their July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.